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1. LA STAMPA FEB. 22 HAS STORY BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ZUCCONI PROVIDING DETAILS OF DECAROLIS' PRESENT VISIT TO THE U.S. ACCORDING TO ZUCCONI, DECAROLIS' PROGRAM IN NEW YORK IS BEING ARRANGED BY JUDGE RAO AND HIS SON. DURING NEW YORK STAY, DECAROLIS WILL RECEIVE THE "VIGO POST" AWARD, AN HONOR WHICH WAS GIVEN TO MICHELE SINDONA LAST YEAR.

2. ARTICLE STATES THAT WHILE IN WASHINGTON DECAROLIS WILL MEET SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN AND ATTEND A LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY PHIL GUARINO TO WHICH, ZUCCONI ADDS, ITALIAN JOURNALISTS HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED. ZUCCONI CONCLUDES HIS STORY BY NOTING THAT DECAROLIS' FULL WASHINGTON PROGRAM IS NOT SET BECAUSE OF SOME DIFFICULTIES. PRIMARY AMONG THESE IS REPORTED LACK OF DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN DECAROLIS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BECAUSE OF TYPES OF PEOPLE SPONSORING DECAROLIS VISIT.

3. COMMENT. MANNER IN WHICH DECAROLIS ORGANIZED HIS PRESENT AMERICAN TRIP HAS MADE HIM FAIR GAME FOR THE HATCHET JOB WHICH ZUCCONI HAS DONE ON HIM. DECAROLIS IS PORTRAYED AS A LEADER OF
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THE RIGHT WING OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHO HAS TIES WITH REACTIONARY, ANTO-COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN THE STATES, ONE OF WHOM (JUDGE RAO) ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE MAFIA.BEAUDRY

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